

John Richardson House  
Richardson Park, Delaware

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ADDENDUM  
FOLLOWS...

Historic American Buildings Survey  
Weston H. Blake, District Officer  
909 West Street, Wilmington, Delaware

JOHN RICHARDSON HOUSE  
Richardson Park, New Castle County, Delaware

Owner: A. J. Beste

Date of Erection: About 1723

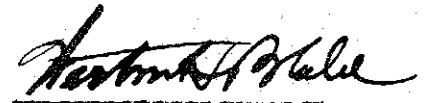
Present Condition: Fair

Number of Stories: Two and one half with  
basement kitchen.

Materials of Construction: Brick walls; wood  
framing; original shingle roof covered with asbestos  
shingles.

Other Existing Records: Scharf's History of Delaware,  
Vol. 2, P. 881; Conrad's History of Delaware, Vol. 2, P. 461;  
Offices of Recorder of Deeds and Register of Wills of  
New Castle County.

Additional Data: The exact date of erection cannot definitely be established, nor the builder, but it is believed to have been built by John Richardson in the year mentioned above. An unusually fine example of early 18th Century brickwork with the usual Flemish Bond with glazed headers on the main facade. In plan there are two small rooms on each of the first and second floors, with winding enclosed staircase adjacent to fireplace in the east room. There is a basement kitchen opening to the grade on the north side. Note the projecting brick courses in the gable end and chimney placed off center of the ridge, to allow room for a small window in the attic space.

  
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Addendum to:

John Richardson House (Brick Mill House) (Glynrich)  
Maryland Avenue (Route 4) and Race Street  
Wilmington Vicinity  
New Castle County  
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Building is in same location but has a new address:

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MID-ATLANTIC REGION NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA 19106

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STATE Delaware	COUNTY New Castle	TOWN OR VICINITY Christiana Hundred Wilmington Vicinity
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Addendum to: John Richardson House (Scharf, <u>History of Delaware</u> , 1888)		HABS NO. DE-45
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Brick Mill House; Glynrich		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Originally recorded as: Maryland Avenue (Route 4) at Race Street; Building is in the same location but has assumed a new address: 15 Race Street, Richardson Park, New Castle County, Delaware		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1723 attributed, architectural evidence suggests ca. 1735.	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The Richardson House is one of the best preserved examples of early 18th-century domestic architecture extant in Delaware. The building retains numerous interior and exterior details which are extremely rare.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) vernacular miller's house.		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick (glazed header flemish bond south elevation, stuccoed east elevation, mixed common bond north and west elevations); rubble stone foundation; common rafter roof (possibly 18th-century replacement).		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Originally three-bay, hall-parlor plan two stories in elevation with a banked cellar kitchen and unfinished attic (see attached field notes).		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Glazed header flemish bond primary elevation; tabled six-panel door in chamfered and flare stopped architrave with four-light transom defines primary entry; segmental arched window openings on primary elevation and rowlock arched openings on secondary elevations; replaced sash.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Hall: paneled fireplace wall with heavily molded mantel cornice, two-panel cupboard and stair to cellar door are original. Parlor: original stair box with vertical board walling (beaded edge) and two-panel doors hung on foliated HL hinges. Parlor-chamber: mantel cornice and		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES (cont. from above) beaded board closet.  Sash replaced 19th and 20th centuries; original beaded board partition wall removed from between first floor rooms and reused to subdivide second floor; 20th century north shed addition replaces earlier one of similar appearance.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE In the process of rehabilitation for use as light commercial space.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Two additional features of note: 1. Cellar kitchen hearth intact with wrought crane and bakeoven opening, 2. Two examples of fixed or casement window architraves (attic landing and cellar north wall) with rabbeted insets for iron frame and evidence of stiffening bars (see fieldnotes).		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) National Register of Historic Places J. Thomas Scharf, <u>History of Delaware</u> (Philadelphia, 1888)		
COMPILER, AFFILIATION Bernard Herman, Center for Historic Architecture and Engineering, University of Delaware		DATE 2-9-85